

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

17. (Twice amended) The composition of claim 15 wherein the monomers capable of forming homopolymers having low film-forming temperatures are [temperature polyesters comprise monomer] selected from the group consisting of ethyl acrylate, 2-ethyl acrylate, methyl acrylate, butyl acrylate, and vinyl esters of branched chain acids.

21. The method of claim 19 wherein the polyhydroxyalkanoate polyester comprises a copolymer of between 60 and about 100 mole% 3-hydroxybutyrate and between about 0 and 40 mole% 3-hydroxyvalerate.

22. (Twice amended) The method of claim 19 wherein the coating composition further comprises [polyesters with] a copolymer which comprises monomers capable of forming homopolymers having high minimum film-forming temperatures and [polyesters with] monomers capable of forming homopolymers having low minimum film-forming temperatures.

23. (Twice amended) The method of claim 22 wherein the monomers capable of forming homopolymers having high film-forming temperatures are [temperature polyesters comprise monomers] selected from the group consisting of carboxylic acids, non-acidic monomers, fumaric anhydrides, and maleic anhydrides.

24. (Twice amended) The method of claim 22 wherein the monomers capable of forming homopolymers having low film-forming temperatures are [temperature polyesters comprise monomers] selected from the group consisting of ethyl acrylate, 2-ethyl acrylate, methyl acrylate, butyl acrylate, and vinyl esters of branched chain acids.